



## DC Workforce Investment Council Minutes Friday, September 16, 2005

**Members Present:** Colleen Lee, DC WIC Chair; Robert Kight for Clifford Janey, DCPS; Mario Acosta, Strategic Consulting; Heidi Goldberg, WOW; Angela Nottingham for Jalel Greene, Director, DHCD; Al Browne, CPDC; Denis Harrison for Elwood York, DOC; Daryl Hardy for Greg Irish, DOES Director; Jos Williams, AFL-CIO; John Butler, Archbishop Carol High School; Kim Whittington for Mary Davis, Washington Sports & Entertainment Inc.; Janice Carmichael, UDC/CTE; Tayloria Jordan, DHS/IMA;  
**Guest Present:** Chander Jayaraman, Inclusion Research Institute; Margaret Singleton, DCCC; Rod Wodson, Holland & Knights; Carol Randolph, Jobs Coalition; Wil Parker, LaTrea Earley, CSOSA; Dorothea Gross, AgeWise Solutions; Ellie Wegener, Employment Support Center; **DCWIC Staff Present:** Keith Mitchell, Lillian Nazario, and Amelia Lofton

The Chair welcomed members and guests. The meeting was called to order at 8:50 a.m., and was hosted by Sara Thompson, of Catholic University of America. Ms. Thompson welcomed DCWIC members back to Catholic University, provided overview of the educational and workforce services available and introduce members of the administration and staff. She thanked the mayor's council for the collaboration & partnership during the application of the H1B grant awarded by DOL, and invited members and guest for a tour following the adjournment of the board meeting. **Member participation at this meeting was %.** The chair called for a motion to accept minutes from the March 17, 2005 general meeting. Motion passed. Keith provided the treasurer's report indicating DCWIC's detailed expenditure list and budget vs. actual summary through September 12, 2005. Following budget discussions members indicated the need to have staff prepare projections on spending report and justification for projected budget increase. It was agreed that DCWIC committee chairs will meet to coordinate committee work priorities to include sector industry and demand driven strategies for FY06-07. The chair called for committee reports.

**Universal Access:** The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**EI/LMI:** The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Education and Training:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**DC YIC:** The next meeting is schedule for Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006

**One Stop Oversight/Community Involvement:** The next meeting is scheduled for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### **Keith provided overview & discussion took place relating to:**

- DCWIC status report and guiding principles for implementation of initiatives and strategies for DC's workforce development system.
- Vocational Education Hearing & DCWIC member participation
- DCWIC's Secondary Education Strategy
- DCWIC's Best Practice Report 2005 roll-out & release logistics
- DCWIC's Eligible Training Provider Policy; BPA & Preferred Eligible Provider Policy
- DC Pre-Apprentice/Apprentice education & performance strategy, application procedures and DCWIC approval strategy
- Industry Cluster Data Report / DC Emerging & Demand Occupations
- Employer Forums/Interview convened by DMP&ED & DCWIC
- WIA 2 year Plan approved by Department of Labor

- Request for H1B & other grantee's to provide quarterly reports to the DCWIC
- DOL's reduction of UI funding & Faith Base grant reporting to DCWIC
- DCWIC letter of support for DC Library initiative
- LEP / Literacy grant's & resources
- DCPS Jobs for America Graduates
- Personal Accounts

DCWIC member Joan Kuriansky provided an overview of the up-dated Self-Sufficiency Standards report released by WOW in September 2005. She indicated the need to establish greater collaboration with WIB's in MD & VA for implementation and tracking outcomes relating to self sufficiency and development of career ladders. Establishing regional partnership with employers, and stakeholders, WIB's will maximize support, establish linkage to the Way to Work legislation pending in DC Council, and address the notion that self-sufficiency can be linked to sector and industry job growth.

Wil Parker provided an overview of the District's Court Services & Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) and call for greater collaboration with members of the DCWIC on the development of DC's workforce strategy. He indicated the need to establish collaboration with employer whom will employ graduates from the CSOSA's Community Justice Programs. Applicants have been trained in basic employability skills, soft skills and bring an array of work experience at different levels. Rod Woodson indicated his collaboration with area construction companies could begin to facilitate employment to CSOSA's graduates. Will and Ron agreed to meet following adjournment. Mr. Parker & Mr. Woodson agreed to request that the DCWIC convene a meeting with CSOSA, Labor, DC Chamber, and DOES to discuss efforts of collaboration in addressing service provision to the District's adjudicated populations.

Keith provided an update of the way to work legislation and its impact on the re-organization of the DCWIC. He discussed the impact of federal and local funding on workforce development, First Source Agreements, Summer Youth Employment Program 2006 and requesting meeting with the CA and DMP&ED for inclusion of the DCWIC on FY06-07 budget hearings. Following presentations, a plaque was presented to Ms. Colleen Lee, past chair of the DC Workforce Investment Council for her contributions and commitment in addressing the workforce needs of DC residents. Members thank Ms. Lee for seven (7) years of service and honor her as one of the original members appointed by the mayor in 1998.

#### **Handouts:**

Building a Workforce Investment system for Today and Tomorrow by Keith Mitchell  
 Growing a greater District of Columbia Workforce and Economic Development System by Keith Mitchell  
 WIA Certification process for eligible training providers and ITA's by Keith Mitchell  
 WIA Performance requirements for the Subsequent eligibility certification process by Keith Mitchell  
 DCWIC's Best Practice Report 2005  
 DC area low-income families struggle to make ends meet despite economic upturn report by WOW  
 CSOSA's information flyer and invitation to Community Justice Advisory Network Forum  
 CSOSA's Initiative power point presentation by Wil Parker  
 Is it time to invest in yourself and in your future flyer by Catholic University staff

Submitted by Jos Williams, DCWIC Secretary

**The next DCWIC general board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2006.**